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Subject: FW: san jac dioxins
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:21:55 AM
Attachments: [SAN JACINTO Site Fact Sheet 07-30-14.pdf](#)

(b) (6),

Thanks for your email on the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site.

First, there has been no inappropriate effort to undermine the cleanup effort for the San Jacinto Site. The EPA has been working closely with a number of other agencies, including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Harris County, the Port of Houston, and others, to cleanup this site. All of these have greatly helped the cleanup effort.

It has been 6 years since the waste pits became a Superfund site, however, there has been progress. For example, we have ensured short-term protectiveness by constructing the temporary cap over the pits in 2011 to stop the wastes from washing into the river, and to isolate the pits from folks who were fishing there.

Finding out where the contamination is, and developing a good cleanup plan, has taken up most of the time. Because of the complexity of this site, the EPA has decided that additional information is needed prior to our recommendation of a cleanup alternative. Once this is completed, the EPA will announce a proposed alternative that will be available for public comment. The EPA will also host a public meeting during the comment period to allow public participation in the remedy selection process. The announcement of the proposed alternative, public meeting, and comment period are expected next year, in 2015. The EPA will continue to communicate with the community on the progress.

For more information, a recent fact sheet about the site is attached; and here is a link with more detailed site information and reports:

http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 5:24 PM
To: Walker, Tina (DSHS)
Subject: Re: san jac dioxins

republicans hold every statewide office in texas and they control the state leg. are the republicans undermining cleanup efforts? gov perry ran for president on a platform that promised to dismantle the epa. ag abbott is running to replace perry. has he obstructed the san jac cleanup or in any way undermined clean air, clean water, and safe food regulations? dem or repug...i want to know who has helped/hindered the performance of your cleanup programs people are swimming, boating, fishing and eating from that site on the san jac every day, i promise you. this is no secret and someone is dragging their feet, slow rolling, and i'm guessing the state of texas is a major stumbling block



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On Aug 11, 2014, at 11:43 AM, Walker,Tina (DSHS) wrote:

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> There are multiple agencies working on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site. Could you please be a little more specific as to what you are referring to?
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> Thanks
> Tina
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: (b) (6)
> Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 3:44 PM
> To: Walker,Tina (DSHS)
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> how many people are working on this. why is this taking so long why don't our reps give a flip????